

Anchorage Amateur Radio Club

General Membership meeting February 1st

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KL7G CODE PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Schedule: 7:00am, 10:00am, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm
AK time, every day on 145.35 MHz @ 7 wpm

Nets in Alaska:

The following nets are active in South-central Alaska:

Alaska Sniper's Net 3.920 MHz 6:00 PM daily
Alaska Bush Net 7.093 MHz 8:00 PM daily
Alaska Motley Net 3.933 MHz 9:00 PM daily
Alaska Pacific Net 14.292 MHz 8:00 AM M-F
850 No Name Net 146.85/.25 repeater Sundays 8:00 PM
Son of Sideband Net 144.20 USB Mondays 9:00 PM local
Big City Simplex Net 146.520, 446.0, & 52.525 FM Packet
145.01 Tuesdays 8:00 PM local
ARES net 147.30/.90 repeater Thursdays at 8:00 PM local
PARKA net 147.30/.90 Thursdays at 9:00 PM local

Anchorage & Mat Valley Area Repeaters

KL7AA systems at Flattop Mt., 2,200 ft
146.94/34 MHz, 80 watts, autopatch, 100/141.3 Hz PL
224.94/223.34, 25 watts, no patch, no PL
444.70/449.70, 25 watts, autopatch, 123.0/141.3 PL
KL7CC, Anchorage Hillside, SCRC & QCWA
146.97/.37 MHz, 30 watts, autopatch, 103.5 Hz PL
KL7M Anchorage Hillside
147.21/.81 MHz, Internet Iphone, 103.5 Hz PL
KL7ION at Mt. Gordon Lyon 3,940 ft
147.30/90, MHz - 80 watts, no patch, no PL
KL7AIR Elmendorf AFB, EARS
146.67/.07, 107.2 Hz PL
KL7DJE at Grubstake Peak, 4,500 ft.
147.09/.69 MHz, 25 watts, no patch, 100 Hz PL
444.925/449.925, 10 watts, no patch, 141.3 Hz PL
KL7JFU, KGB road, MARA club
146.85/.25, autopatch, no PL
KL7DOB, Alcantra (Wasilla Armory)
146.64/.04, simplex patch, no PL
KL7AA, Mt. Alyeska, 2,400 ft.
146.76/16 MHz, 25 watts, no patch, 141.3 Hz PL

South Central Area Simplex Frequencies

146.52 Mhz Calling and Emergency frequency
147.57 / 447.57 (crossband linked) HF spotters & chat,
103.5 HZ PL
146.49 Mhz Anchorage area simplex chat
146.43 MHz Mat Valley simplex chat
147.42MHz Peninsula simplex chat

HOT LINKS

Internet Web links, the favorites from our readers

AARC <http://home.gci.net/~lawson/>

SCRC <http://www.KL7G.org>

EARS <http://www.qsl.net/kl7air>

MARA <http://www.obarr.net/mara/>

Moose Horn ARC <http://www.alaksa.net/~kl7fg>

ARES <http://www.qsl.net/aresalaska>

KL7J <http://www.alaska.net/~buchholz>

Fairbanks AARC: <http://www.kl7kc.com/>

Yukon Amateur Radio Association:

<http://www.klondike.com/yara/index.html>

HAARP Project:

<http://server5550.itd.nrl.navy.mil/projects/haarp/>

<<Amateur Radio Reference Library>>

<http://www.area-ham.org/library/libindex.html>

Hamradio: <http://www.hamrad.com/>

Solar Terrestrial Activity <http://209.130.27.95/solar/>

ARRL <http://www.arrl.org/>

Propagation Report Recording 566-1819

Please let us know if there are other clubs pages or good starting points that should appear here

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**Factory authorized service for: Kenwood, ICOM,
Yaesu, Alinco, Amateur radio equipment.
Call Jim Wiley, KL7CC (907) 338-0662**

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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES; All articles from members and interested persons are very welcome. If you wish to submit any articles, jokes, cartoons, please have it typed or neatly handwritten. It can be submitted by computer disk, fax, or E-mail to the newsletter editor at the address listed on the cover. Submissions must be in the hands of the editor at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

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Regular HAM Gatherings:

Tuesdays Lunch, 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM: Join the gang for lunch and an eyeball QSO at the Royal Fork, "South, on Old Seward Highway.

Saturdays Breakfast, 7:30 AM: Here is a great way to get started on the week-end come and meet with some of the locals and have a great breakfast at Phillips Restaurant, at the corner of Arctic and International. Great Fun.

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THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

February 1st: AARC general meeting at 7:00 PM 1st

Friday of the month in the Carr-Gottstein Building, on the APU Campus. Talk in will be on 147.300.

February 5th: VE License Exam 6:30 PM, 1st Tuesday of the month at the Hope Cottage offices, 540 W International. Bring photo ID, copy of license (if any) and any certificates of completion.

February 5th: EARS general meeting at 6:30PM 1st Thursday of the month, in the basement of Denali Hall (building 31-270) on Elmendorf AFB. Talk in on 147.67/.07 repeater.

February 8th: SCRC general meeting at 7:00 PM the 2nd Friday of the month at Denny's on Debarr & Bragaw. Talk in on 147.57 simplex.

February 9th: PARKA Meeting at 11:00 AM. 2nd Saturday of the month at Peggy's, across from Merrill Field

February 9th: VE License Exams at 2:00 PM. 2nd Saturday of the month at Hope Cottage 540 W. International. Be sure to bring photo ID, copy of license (if any) and any certificates of completion.

February 7th & 21st: Moosehorn ARC general meeting at 7:00 PM every other Thursday in the Soldotna Borough Offices on North Binkley. Talk in on 146.88 repeater or 147.42 simplex.

February 16th: ARES General meeting 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. 3rd Saturday of the month. Is canceled this month do to the Fur Rondy.

February 18th: AARC Board meeting at 7:00 PM 3rd Tuesday of the month at Hope Cottage 540 W. International.

February 22nd: MARA meeting at 7PM the last Friday of the month at the Fire Station 61 in Wasilla. Talk in on 146.64 - repeater.

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KL7HIU

Bob Page, KL7HIU, became an SK on December 26, 2001. He will be missed by all of us that he touched over the many years he was here in the community. He is survived by his wife, Marge, KL7GLU.

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If you are interested in helping out with the Fur Rondy Dog races please contact Susan Woods, NL7 NN @ 275-6077 pager. If you are interested in helping out with the Car races please contact Mike Borer, WL7CKB @ 349-8191.

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New Ham classes starting for all of you interested in upgrading to general or better at Hope Cottage 540 W. International. Classes will start on January 21st and will be held on Monday's and Thursday's for six weeks. The times set for the classes will be from 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm. The cost for the class will be \$35.00. For more information or to register please contact **Jim Wiley, KL7CC (907) 338-0662** or email him at jwiley@alaska.net

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Rick and Lil will sponsor their bi-yearly amateur radio class, beginning the first week of April. The class will be a two-week fast-track class. The classes will run Monday through Friday, April 1 through April 5, and April 8 through April 12, from 6:00PM to 9:00 PM. The location will probably be the Ann Stevens/American Red Cross Building, though this has not been set in stone. Classes will cover the technician and general class licenses, as well as 5 wpm code. The study manuals for the technician and general class licenses can be obtained from Rick and Lillian Marvin and must be completely read prior to the first day of class. Interested persons may contact instructors Rick and Lillian Marvin at their email address of rlment@alaska.net prior to March 19. After March 19, the Marvins may also be contacted at 907-277-6741 or their home address of 1030 Denali, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Come to the ham class and discover the exciting world of amateur radio.

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(UNAPPROVED)

Anchorage Amateur Radio Club Board Meeting, January 15, 2002

The AARC Board Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 15, 2002, at Hope Community Resources Administrative Building at 540 West International Airport Way. The meeting was opened by President Randy Vallee, AL7PJ at 7:11 p.m. The following officers were in attendance: President Randy Vallee, AL7PJ, Vice-President Jim Larsen, AL7FS, Secretary Keith Clark, WL7CSR, Treasurer Richard Block, KL7RLB, and Activities Manager T. J. Sheffield, KL7TS, Past President John Lynn, KL7CY, and Trustee Jim Feaster, KL7KB. Also in attendance were Board members Mike Borer, WL7CKB, Lynn Hammond, KL7IKV, and Frank Pratt, KL7FSE. Also in attendance were VEC

Chairman Jim Wiley, KL7CC, Proxy member Susan Woods, NL7NN, and Pat Wilke, WL7JA.

Minutes from the December 18th Board Meeting were reviewed. After a minor change, Mike Borer, WL7CKB, made a motion to accept. It was seconded by John Lynn, KL7CY, and passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Health and Welfare:

No news reported.

Membership Report:

No report submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Richard Block, KL7RLB, indicates that there is nothing unusual to report, and that the Gaming Account is in good shape.

Gaming Committee Report:

John Lynn, KL7CY, explained that we have no news from the State Gaming people. Also that Lisa the CPA is taking care of the gaming reports in a timely manner.

VHF Committee Report:

John Lynn, KL7CY, reported that the power was off at Site Summit for about 27 hours. The 30/90 repeater worked fine throughout the outage.

VEC Report:

Jim Wiley, KL7CC, advises nothing unusual to report. He does advise that there are now regular testing sessions in Wasilla, Fairbanks, Juneau, Valdez, as well as Anchorage.

ARES:

Mike Borer, WL7CKB, advised that this is moving into a busy time for ARES. They are close to a Memo of Understanding with the Iditarod Committee and are getting ready for all the events coming in the next couple of months.

Jim Wiley, KL7CC, advises that the motorhome is in warm storage and the work will begin in the next week. Volunteers are needed.

Richard Block, KL7RLB, advises that all the equipment for the EOC has arrived and is scheduled to be installed Jan. 26th. He also notes that the EOC is giving us a computer to use.

Hamfest

Randy Vallee, AL7PJ, was contacted by Gordon West, expressing interest in the 2002 event. Randy wants to check with Fairbanks to see if their date is set for this year, and talk about moving the date back next year

(2003) to try and get closer to the Permanent Fund release date.

Old Business:

After discussion regarding the gift of the SCRC Power and Tower trailer, Richard Block, KL7RLB, made a motion to accept the trailer with only one condition, that SCRC has first right of refusal if AARC ever decides that it has no use for the trailer anymore. It was seconded by Mike Borer, WL7CKB, and passed unanimously.

The By-Law Review committee has informed Randy that the members would be delaying until June because of all the activities the Club and members are currently involved in.

New Business:

A committee consisting of Mike Borer, WL7CKB, and Lynn Hammond, KL7IKV, was established to consider a policy to limit liability in areas concerning the use of the Club name. There was one action item. Richard Block, KL7RLB, moved that the Board recommend to the General Membership the approval of funds for the completion of the original Motor Home project budget figure, in an amount to be determined by presentation at the General Meeting, and not to exceed \$97,000.00. It was seconded by Lyn Hammond, KL7IKV, and passed with one dissenting vote.

Richard Block, KL7RLB, advises he is working on a MOU for the use of club equipment and will submit it to the Board for review and action.

Jim Larsen, AL7FS, updated the Board on the Grant committee and noted several requests had been received. The Board discussed the Alyeska Repeater situation. There being no further business, Jim Feaster, KL7KB, moved to adjourn. John Lynn, KL7CY, seconded, and everyone went home at 10:10 p.m.

Submitted by H. Keith Clark, WL7CSR, Secretary

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Anchorage Amateur Radio Club Summary of Financial Affairs January through November, 2001

Assets

Gaming Account \$153,525
All other Current Assets \$49,427
Fixed Assets \$146,108
Boniface Bingo \$18,990
Total Assets \$368,050

Liabilities \$0

Equity \$368,050

Operating Income \$6,560

Operating Expenses \$6,700

Gaming Income \$119,274

Contributions \$10,900

Gaming Funds xfrd to General Acct. \$84,000

This summary does not include notes or other information which are an integral part of a complete Financial Statement and should not be relied upon as a complete or accurate statement of the Club's Financial Condition.

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Anchorage Amateur Radio Club Board Meeting, December 18, 2001

David Stevens, KL7EB, wearing a visitors hat, passed along an antenna book on CD, to T.J. Sheffield, KL7TS, to use as a door prize at a future Club meeting.

The AARC Board Meeting was held on Tuesday, December 18, 2001, at Hope Community Resources Administrative Building at 540 West International Airport Way. The meeting was opened by President Randy Vallee, AL7PJ at 7:05 p.m. The following officers were in attendance: President Randy Vallee, AL7PJ, Vice-President Jim Larsen, AL7FS, Secretary Keith Clark, WL7CSR, Treasurer Richard Block, KL7RLB, and Activities Manager T. J. Sheffield, KL7TS. Also in attendance were Board members Mike Borer, WL7CKB, David Stevens, KL7EB, John Murray, NL7WW, Lynn Hammond, KL7IKV, and Dan Horvath, WL7CLX. Also in attendance were VEC Chairman Jim Wiley, KL7CC, John Lynn, KL7CY, Mark Kelliher, KL7TQ, and Hannelore Kelliher, NL7EA.

Minutes from the November 20th Board Meeting were reviewed. After minor changes, David Stevens, KL7EB, made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Mike Borer, WL7CKB, and passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Health and Welfare:

No news reported.

Membership Report:

No report submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Richard Block, KL7RLB, After a brief Executive Session, Richard presented a report that showed the Club in good shape as of Nov. 30th.

Gaming Committee Report:

John Lynn, KL7CY, explained the purchase of a PT Cruiser by the Bingo operation, to be used as a promotional item. He also advises that the Bingo permit has been issued for year 2002, and that the attorney advises State is still in the Informal Hearing Process and has proceeded no further in it's investigation.

VHF Committee Report:

No report was submitted.

VEC Report:

Jim Wiley, KL7CC, advises the VEC is doing well. He updated the Board on the testing session in Angoon, Wasilla, and Kenai, and the status of the development of remote testing. John Lynn, KL7CY, told of hearing about a testing session in White Mountain that was going to be held for about 20 individuals.

ARES:

Mike Borer, WL7CKB, advised the Board about communications with GCI regarding the Iditarod, and preparations for working on the motorhome.

Old Business:

The Board discussed the Alyeska repeater, back-up help for Rick and Doug, the Bingo Partnership agreement and insurance for the Bingo operation.

After a short break the Gift acceptance committee recommended against accepting the SCRC power and tower trailer as offered. SCRC will be asked to submit the gift request with a few modifications on the original.

New Business:

The Board took action on four items.

1. Jim Larsen, AL7FS, made a motion to fund a permanent packet digipeater at the Tatalena RADAR station. The motion was seconded by John Lynn, KL7CY. An amendment was made to make the installation subject to getting a MOU or a temporary MOU. The amendment failed by a 6 to 5 vote. The motion passed by a 7 to 4 vote.
2. Jim Larsen, AL7FS, made a motion to present to the General Membership, \$3,700 to fund a new voice repeater at Point McKenzie. It was seconded by John Lynn, KL7CY. An amendment was made to make the installation subject to getting a written MOU prior to installation. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Richard Block, KL7RLB, made a motion to present to the General Membership, \$4,000 to fund the necessary equipment to equip the EOC. John Lynn, KL7CY, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Mike Borer, WL7CKB, made a motion to approve up to \$1,000 seed money for an amateur upgrade class to be

held beginning in January. David Stevens, KL7EB, seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

5. John Murray, NL7WW, provided information for possibly offering subscriptions to World Radio as door prizes. By-Law committee was formed to investigate updating Club By-Laws and Rules of Procedure. The committee consists of Jim Tvrdy, KL7CDG, Jim Larsen, AL7FS, Lynn Hammond, KL7IKV, Jim Wiley, KL7CC, and hopefully a club member who is an attorney to review the final changes.
6. The Board discussed action to be taken by the Grant Committee on the APU Endowment, the Hope Community Resources Endowment, and some non-ham grant requests.
7. Richard Block, KL7RLB, advises he will have the adjusted budget prepared for the General Membership at the January meeting.
8. Jim Wiley, KL7CC, raised the issue of reinstituting the offer to new hams of a free, one-year membership to the Club.
9. There being no further business, John Lynn, KL7CY, moved to adjourn. John Murray, NL7WW, seconded, and everyone went home at 10:10 p.m.

Submitted by H. Keith Clark, WL7CSR, Secretary

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Hello and Happy New Year to all of you.

1. My name is Richard Block. I have been asked to assume the responsibilities of Communications Coordinator for the Start Component of the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. This is the position that last year was held by John Wolfe, AA0NN. John has been asked to assume a very important position in the communications element at Cripple, which means he will have to leave Anchorage for his post before the start of the race. John has been most helpful in providing me with all the information he has been accumulating relating to the Start of the race, including a lot of email between him and many of you. I am excited that there are so many who are already enthused about the race and so willing to help.
2. I am a 21 year resident of Anchorage, an insurance and risk management executive, a ham radio operator, KL7RLB, for about two years and involved as a volunteer with Iditarod for the last two years. I bring a lot in the way of organizational and managerial skills, but I have a lot to learn about the Iditarod. Fortunately, there are a lot of good mentors around and they are proving very helpful.
3. This email is going to a rather long and varied list of addressees. If you worked race start last year, you are on the list. If you have recently sent email to John asking to

serve this year, you are on the list. If you attended one of the volunteer meetings and signed up as a volunteer for start communications, you are on the list. Therefore, much of what is included with this email is "old news" for some of you but please bear with me as I share some thoughts with those who are unfamiliar with these things. Much of what is included will be new for everyone because this year, there are some significant differences as to how the communications regime will work in the race and what will be expected by the Iditarod from those providing communications services.

4. There are several different functions that support the Iditarod race and each function is seeking volunteers. Some of those functions include security, dog handling, guards, and communications. Accordingly, there are a lot of very important jobs that must be performed to make Iditarod successful; some in the communications regime; some in other areas of the race. While I realize that there are a number of other ways you could be involved, I am grateful that you have chosen, or are thinking about, the communications part of the race.
1. Within the communications regime there are four areas, each with a coordinator and each looking for volunteers; start, restart, trail and headquarters. My responsibility is for Start. Fred Erickson, is Communications Coordinator for Headquarters, Chris Richardson is Communications Coordinator for Trail and we are still working out the coordinator for Restart. We all report to John Lynn, who is Communications Project Manager for all ham radio activity during the race.
5. The communications aspects of the race have been formalized for the first time in a Memorandum of Understanding among Iditarod, GCI and ARES. ARES is the ham radio organization through which all ham radio participation is being provided. GCI is the lead communications provider for Iditarod and all ARES participation is being coordinated through the GCI point of contact, Clyde Raymer.
6. The communications, for the race will be structured to balance the role of traditional methods of communications, such as ham radio, telephone and cell phone. With some new technology such as wireless internet, satellite phones, and some experimental devices that GCI wants to test and demonstrate and some new technology that ARES wishes to test and demonstrate, most notably, packet radio.
7. The communications is also trying to further an important Iditarod objective of including as many volunteers as possible and helping new volunteers become knowledgeable about race support. Accordingly, we are providing communications positions that can be filled by non-ham licensees.

8. There are going to be some changes in the assignments of communicators this year. Some of the start coms positions are being eliminated and some new ones are being added as the need Iditarod has for information changes. Assignments of specific positions, therefore, will not be made for several weeks, but I can assure everyone that, within the guidelines prescribed by Iditarod, every effort will be made to honor the requests for specific positions that have been coming in.
9. Hams are expected to bring their own equipment and what equipment you bring will help determine where you can be most effective as a communicator. Can you use your car? Do you have adequate power and back up power, UHF/VHF mobile or handheld, etc.?
10. Training is essential. Of course, ham radio operators do not need training in using their radios, but training in the protocols Iditarod wants us to use, what the specific objectives of each coms position is, etc., is important and no one is so experienced that they cannot benefit from the training. Accordingly, it will be a requirement that EVERYONE working in the coms regime, start, restart, headquarters and trail, receive training. Training will consist of a class, likely between two and three hours one day or evening. There is a tentative schedule for training Sunday afternoon and in the evenings, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 24-28. Two of those sessions will be in Wasilla, three in Anchorage. One needs to attend only one of those sessions. Official badges for coms volunteers will be handed out ONLY at the training session.
2. Please stay in touch. I will make a point of keeping you all posted as things unfold, but if there are changes in your situation, please let me know. If you have questions, please ask and I will get you answers. It would be helpful if you keep an eye on the Iditarod Web page, www.iditarod.com
3. Well, here is the final point for this first of many emails. I need to update my list (John's old list) of volunteers. Please send me by email, snail mail or ?? all of the following information: Name (as you want it on I.D. badges, etc.)
Address (mail)
Telephone (home, work, cell, etc.)
email
Ham call sign
Ham equipment (list the gear you have available to contribute to this effort--what you can bring will help determine your assignment) Any limitations (health considerations, travel, disability, etc.-that I need to consider when making assignments)

And finally, here is how to reach me.

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(o) 907 563 5121
(c) 907 244 6120
(e) rlblock@sinbad.net

Best wishes to all of you.
Dick Block--KL7RLB
rlblock@sinbad.net
907 277 7260

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QRP is growing at a fast pace and here are some contests to try with less than 5 watts. The QRP operators will gladly slow down for you if you send slowly to them. QRP contests tend to run 15 to 22 wpm as opposed to the 30-35 of other CW contests. There is also a QRP SSB contest in February. Good luck.

Jim Larsen, AL7FS
<mailto:al7fs@arrrl.net> - <http://www.qsl.net/al7fs/>

N2CQ QRP CONTEST CALENDAR

February 2002

40 METER FOXHUNTS

Fox Hunt - Thursdays - 9pm EST, 8PM CST, 7PM MST and 6PM PST.

Info: <http://www.cqc.org/fox>

Cub Fox Hunt - Tuesdays - 9pm EST, 8PM CST, 7PM MST and 6PM PST.

Info: <http://www.zianet.com/k5di/fox/>

Truffle Hunt - Tue & Thur - 30 min before Fox Hunt

Info: http://fpqrp.com/pig_hunt.html

FYBO Winter QRP Field Day (CW/SSB) ... QRP Contest!
Feb 2 - 1400z to Feb 3 - 0200z

Rules: <http://www.extremezone.com/~nk7n/fybo2002.htm>

"SAFETY FIRST! PLEASE RESPECT THE WX AND YOUR OWN LIMITATIONS!"

Adventure Radio Society - Spartan Sprint (CW) ... QRP Contest!

Feb 5 - 0200z to 0400z (Monday Evening US/Canada)

Rules:

http://www.natworld.com/ars/pages/spartan_sprints/ss_rules.htm

"Testing of lightweight radio gear for outdoor QRP expeditions"

QRP ARCI Fireside Sprint (SSB) ... QRP Contest!
Feb 10 - 2000z to 2400z

Rules: <http://personal.palouse.net/rfoltz/arci/firesid.htm>

"QRP SSB fan's choice"

Colorado QRP Club Winter QSO Party (CW/SSB) ... QRP Contest!

Feb 24 - 2200z to Feb 25 - 0359z

Rules: <http://www.cqc.org/contests/winter02.htm>

"Work any QRP station"

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FYI,

From period 1/13/02 to 1/19/02

83 man-hours have gone into the CCV modification project. This includes only volunteer time of members and does not include contractor time.

Workers include:

Jim Wiley, KL7CC, Phil Mannie, KL0QW, Pat Wilke, WL7JA, Dick Block, KL7RLB, Jim Larson, AL7FS, T.J....., KB8JXX, Randy Vallee, AL7PJ, Kent Petty, KL5T, Steve Jensen, KL0VZ, Bill Caper AL7BB, Mike Borer, WL7CKB, Ralph Cheek, KB5DNT.

Dick Block--KL7RLB
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907 277 7260

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ARLB001 W1AW 2002 Winter Operating Schedule

ARRL Bulletin

From ARRL Headquarters

January 2, 2002

To all radio amateurs

ARLB001 W1AW 2002 Winter Operating Schedule

Morning Schedule:

Time	Mode	Days
1400 UTC (9 AM EST)	CWs	Wed, Fri
1400 UTC (9 AM EST)	CWf	Tue, Thu

Daily Visitor Operating Hours:

1500 UTC to 1700 UTC - (10 AM to 12 PM EST)
1800 UTC to 2045 UTC - (1 PM to 3:45 PM EST)

(Station closed 1700 to 1800 UTC (12 PM to 1 PM EST))

Afternoon/Evening Schedule:

2100 UTC (4 PM EST)	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri
2100 " "	CWs	Tue, Thu
2200 " (5 PM EST)	CWb	Daily
2300 " (6 PM EST)	RTTY	Daily
0000 " (7 PM EST)	CWs	Mon, Wed, Fri
0000 " "	CWf	Tue, Thu
0100 " (8 PM EST)	CWb	Daily
0200 " (9 PM EST)	RTTY	Daily
0245 " (9:45 PM EST)	VOICE	Daily
0300 " (10 PM EST)	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri
0300 " "	CWs	Tue, Thu
0400 " (11 PM EST)	CWb	Daily

Frequencies (MHz)

CW: 1.818 3.5815 7.0475 14.0475 18.0975 21.0675
28.0675 147.555
RTTY: - 3.625 7.095 14.095 18.1025 21.095 28.095
147.555
VOICE: 1.855 3.990 7.290 14.290 18.160 21.390 28.590
147.555

Notes:

CWs = Code practice (slow) = 5 - 7.5 - 10 - 13 - 15 WPM
CWf = Code practice (fast) = 35 - 30 - 25 - 20 - 15 - 13 - 10 WPM
CWb = Code Bulletins = 18 WPM

CW frequencies include code practices, Qualifying Runs and CW bulletins.

RTTY = Teleprinter Bulletins = BAUDOT (45.45 baud) and AMTOR-FEC (100 Baud). ASCII (110 Baud) is sent only as time allows.

Code practice texts are from QST, and the source of each practice is given at the beginning of each practice and at the beginning of alternate speeds.

On Tuesdays and Fridays at 2330 UTC (6:30 PM EST), Keplerian Elements for active amateur satellites are sent on the regular teleprinter frequencies.

A DX bulletin replaces or is added to the regular bulletins between 0100 UTC (8 PM EST) Thursdays and 0100 UTC (8 PM EST) Fridays.

In a communications emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: Voice on the hour, Teleprinter at 15 minutes past the hour, and CW on the half hour.

FCC licensed amateurs may operate the station from 1500 UTC to 1700 UTC (10 AM to 12 PM EST), and then from 1800 UTC to 2045 UTC (1 PM to 3:45 PM EST) Monday through Friday. Be sure to bring your current FCC amateur license or a photocopy.

The W1AW Operating Schedule may also be found on page 104 in the January 2002 issue of QST or on the web at

<http://www.arrl.org/w1aw.html>.

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Fixin The Outhouse

Maw is outside hangin up the laundry, when she hears Paw in the kitchen.

Maw walks in and says, "Paw, get out there and fix that there outhouse."

Paw says, "All right, Maw." Paw walks out to the outhouse, looks at it, And says, "Maw, there ain't nothin' wrong with this here outhouse!"

Maw says, "Yes, there is. Put your head down in the hole."

Paw says, "I ain't puttin my head in that there hole!"

Maw says, "Well you're gonna have to if'n you're gonna fix the problem!"

Paw puts his head down in the hole (just a little bit mind ya) and he Hollers, "Maw, there ain't nothin' wrong with this here outhouse!"

Maw hollers, "Now pull your head out of the hole."

Paw goes to lift up his head and he says, "Oww! OWW!
Maw! MAW, my beard's Stuck in the cracks in the seat!"

Maw says, "Aggravatin', ain't it?"

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AARC Completes Installation at EOC

By: Richard L. Block, KL7RLB

"ARL FIFTY THREE your efforts at EOC." So is the message to Dick Block, KL7RLB, Jim Wiley, KL7CC, John Lynn, KL7CY, Kent Petty, KL5T and Steve Jensen, KL0VZ from AARC, who installed the station at the EOC and from Tracy Matthews, the General Manager of the Emergency Operations Center operated by the Municipality of Anchorage.

The ARES station at the EOC has long needed upgrading and proper outfitting in order to be an effective part of any emergency response. With the newly installed equipment, the ARES station now has the capacity for Channel One voice coms on VHF and UHF, Channel Two voice coms on VHF and VHF/UHF packet coms. The station is equipped with a computer dedicated to packet and a computer, provided by the EOC, which is part of the EOC network and will be used as the ARES data management system. The station has two telephone units connected to the EOC telephone system and two extra modem lines for future expansion.

All of the equipment is installed on a new hutch mounted over the desk top making more writing and work space available and providing proper storage for reference books and materials.

This capital project was approved by the membership at the January meeting. The equipment and parts were quickly acquired and installation was made on Saturday morning, January 26, at the same time as other classes were taking place in the EOC facility.

As Steve Jensen assembled the hutch, Kent wired the power supply and packet system and Jim Wiley connected the new radios. John, and later John and Steve spent the morning on the roof attaching three new antennas and coax cabling. Dick was the planner and the runner.

Work was only interrupted to permit consumption of pizza and coke, generously provided by the EOC.

This is an example of good work for a good cause. Members should find an opportunity to visit the EOC and see the new installation. Better yet, become acquainted with how it works and be a valuable resource at the EOC should it ever be necessary.

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Each year the Dayton Hamvention (<http://www.hamvention.org/>) recognizes three amateurs for their outstanding contributions to the amateur radio field. To quote their web site, "Do you know an outstanding amateur in your club, community, or from on-the-air contacts? Does this person excel in some phase of amateur radio? Do you feel this person deserves world-wide recognition?"

One of the awards, the "Special Achievement" award, we think should go to Al Waller, K3TKJ, the owner and founder of Qsl.net and Qth.net. Why nominate Alan Waller, K3TKJ for the 2002 Dayton Hamvention Special Achievement award? Alan created the Qsl.net domain in the winter of 1996 as a free service to amateur operators around the world. Al did this to give back something to a hobby that has meant so much to him over the past 40 years.

Qsl.net, with the later additions of Qth.net, Swl.net, and dx.qsl.net, has grown by word of mouth to be the largest site devoted totally to Amateur Radio on the Internet. Qsl.net now receives over one millions hits per day and there are 69,000 individual and club web pages hosted on the system. There are over one million emails handled daily for the 135,000 hams with @qsl.net email addresses. QTH.NET is the host for more than 900 email reflector groups that are used by 400,000 people.

This was, and still is, a hobby for Al, with much of the operating expense coming out of his own pocket. A small percentage of the users now contribute to the annual budget of over \$25,000

What Alan Waller has given to the radio hobby is priceless. His unfailing devotion, unbelievable generosity and love of Amateur Radio is deserving of being nominated for the Special Achievement award. While others may have done something more spectacular, nobody has done anything that has helped so many in the world of radio ever before in this planet's history. So we ask you, please nominate Alan Waller, K3TKJ for the Special Achievement award, and let him know much we all appreciate his gift to Amateur Radio.

The web site for making nominations is:
<http://www.hamvention.org/nominate.htm>

Please fill out the nomination form now as the deadline of Jan 31st is drawing near.

The information you will need is:

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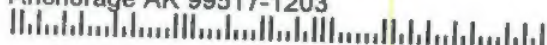
Please forward this message to your lists, and pass it around at club meetings. Al puts alot of time, effort, and money into Qsl.net, just ask his wife, Denise <grin>

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After the Ambulance left. The head of the "Computer School," tried to figure out what went wrong as the graduating class had been instructed to toss their mortar boards into the air. Techies, being a bit single minded, heard "Throw your Mother Boards in the AIR" and responded with glee "BAD, BAD, idea. "OUCH"